

Crime

Report

TEEN ESCAPES FROM KIDNAPPERS

KUWAIT: A 17-year-old female citizen reported that four young men abducted her in the southern chalets area, but she managed to escape and hide from them in a deserted chalet. The girl added that the four kidnappers searched the area but could not locate her. The girl provided detectives with the alleged kidnappers' description.

Drug dealer

Following up the arrest of a popular actor and producer for drug trafficking, the suspect told detectives that he had ordered a new shipment one week before he was arrested, and it was due to arrive that day. Accordingly, detectives received the parcel that included drugs mailed to him by a Briton. The suspect also confessed that he had recruited seven juveniles to distribute the drugs for him in return for a sum of money and a bonus of one packet for each ten they manage to sell.

Harasser caught

A citizen was arrested for harassing a female citizen and insisting on giving her his mobile phone number and taking her outside a Fintas restaurant, despite her protests. The girl finally took his number and reported the matter to the police.

Fight

Two citizens were arrested for fighting in Salmiya, said security sources, noting that the two men used sharp metal objects during the fight. The suspects were referred to the proper authorities for further action.

Domestic violence

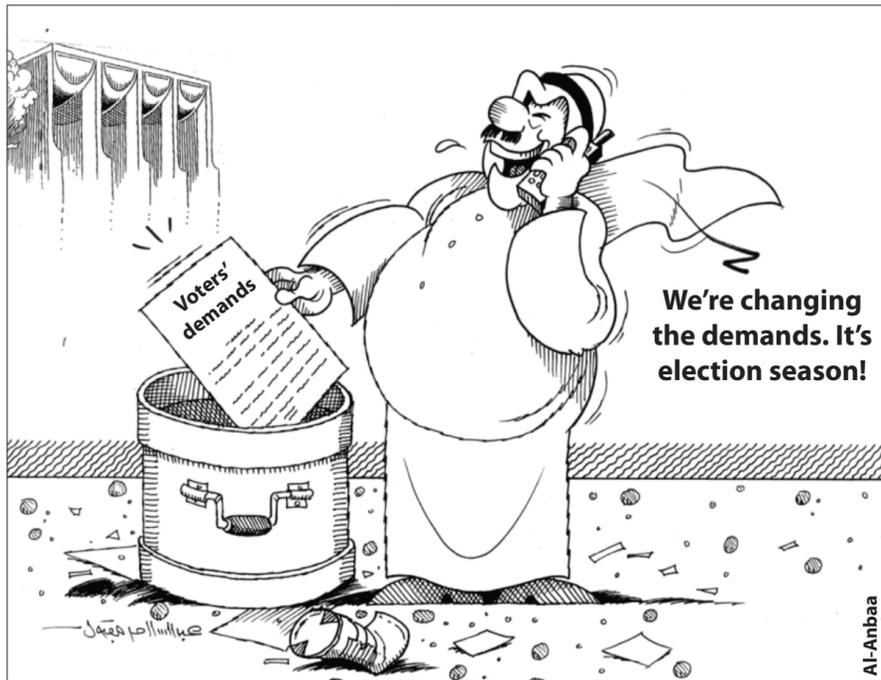
A female citizen called the police reporting that her husband beat her and threw her out of their house in Fintas. A case was filed and the husband is being summoned for further investigations.

Thief identified

Following up the robbery at a money exchange bureau in Fahaheel, detectives managed to identify the culprit through surveillance cameras and arrested him. The suspect, a 30-year-old Syrian, confessed to planning the robbery a month before with hopes that he would get away with a fortune.

Fugitive caught

An Asian wanted for a four-year prison sentence was arrested in Abu Halifa. Security sources said that on seeing a police patrol, the suspect ran and hid inside a garbage dumpster for a while before policemen found him. —Al-Rai and Al-Anbaa



Al-Anbaa

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in brief

OIL SECTOR HALTS APPOINTMENTS

KUWAIT: Oil companies received verbal orders to stop appointments, promotions and transfers until further notice. This is a standard protocol followed whenever the parliament is dissolved or the cabinet resigns to insure that no violations are committed and maintain transparency and impartiality, sources said. Current vacant posts are not expected to be filled until a new parliament is elected, the sources added. —Al-Rai

Fertilizer plants closed

KUWAIT: The Petrochemical Industries Company informed its staff that fertilizers' plants will be closed between December 2017 and March 2018. A total of 360 Kuwaiti employees working at those plants will be transferred to other sectors, while 580 contracted expatriate workers are likely to be assigned to other duties such as operating the polypropylene and aromatics plants, the company said in a letter to employees. —Al-Anbaa

Production quotas

KUWAIT: Kuwait's OPEC Governor Nawal Al-Fuzai confirmed that Kuwait is committed to follow the production quotas to be specified during the organization's meeting in Vienna next November, indicating that Kuwait's currently produces 2,970 million barrels of crude a day. She said that oil prices are likely to be around \$50 per barrel until the end of the year, while the Kuwaiti crude's price is expected to be around \$45 per barrel. —Al-Anbaa

Health insurance

KUWAIT: A retired woman covered by a health insurance program approved this year for retired citizens gave birth to a healthy baby at a local private hospital, the first case of its kind since the program went into effect last month, Minister of Health Dr Ali Al-Obaidi announced. A total of 21,000 citizens received treatment at private clinics through the 'Afiya' program, Obaidi said, adding that 52,475 retired Kuwaitis, or nearly 50 percent of eligible citizens have applied to receive their insurance cards. —Al-Anbaa

Municipal Council

KUWAIT: The Municipal Council is expected to lose some members who intend to run for parliament, and by-elections to fill their vacant seats are likely to take place following the National Assembly elections. The law stipulates that a Municipal Council member is considered resigned when he or she runs for parliament. At least seven members are expected to contest for parliamentary elections including Abdullah Al-Kandari, Meshal Al-Juwaisri, Mane Al-Ajmi, Yousuf Al-Ghareeb, Nayef Al-Sour, Dr Meshari Al-Mutawtah and Ahmad Al-Bughaili. —Al-Qabas



Al-Anbaa

RUBEI, BIN TAFLA AND HYPOCRITES

By Saad Al-Motesh

I still remember when the late Dr Ahmed Al-Rubei and Dr Saad bin Tafla used to argue with someone from the deposed Iraqi regime members, who demanded turning over a new leaf. Both of them stressed that all the problems Kuwait suffered were because of the Iraqi aggression, while hypocrites supporting that regime demanded to let bygones be bygones.

Both the true Kuwaitis were right in referring all regional sufferings to the Iraqi invasion, while those on the other side refused going back to the origin of the problem because they knew they were wrong and had no logical justifications to the invasion.

I recalled that maneuver while observing the remarks by some people expressing dissatisfaction with increasing fuel prices. I do agree with them, but why blame others instead of blaming those who were actually behind such an increase? It seems as if we are acquitting the real doers who authorized the

government to do so by powers of law.

Lawmakers in the 1995 parliament were the ones who fully authorized the government to review petroleum derivatives whenever it wished to do so. So, why don't those trying to blame things on others admit it and blame it on the real doers? It was the very same parliament that passed a law on debts worth KD 6 billion without even blinking. Have you forgotten all this?!

In the aftermath of the liberation, Kuwait adopted a general motto that goes 'Let Us Not Forget!' but it seems that we have already forgotten. Today, we need to revive that motto and will never forget those who voted for authorizing the government to increase fuel prices, though Saddam's supporters pretend they have. We will never forget the parliament that was described as 'The master of its own decisions' - decisions that we would have been far much better off without! —Translated by Kuwait Times



KUWAIT: SACGC General Director Dr Omar Al-Bannai speaks at the event.



Jahra Governor Lieutenant General Fahad Al-Amir speaks.

SABAH AL-AHMAD CENTER OPENS APPLIED EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

KUWAIT: The Sabah Al-Ahmad Center for Giftedness and Creativity (SACGC), a Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences institutions, hosted a ceremony yesterday to inaugurate applied education

workshops (Fab Lab). Jahra Governor Lieutenant General Fahad Al-Amir and other state officials attended the event. SACGC General Director Dr Omar Al-Bannai said in a speech that Fab Lab is

the first workshop of its kind that gives young people an opportunity to exchange ideas and utilize their time in a positive way. Furthermore, he spoke about the center's mathematics club "which

aims to turn mathematics from being an analytical subject to a tangible one using modern scientific tools and advanced educational skills. Meanwhile, Lt Gen Amir commended the cen-

ter's achievements, which he said were crowned with opening classrooms for gifted students at public schools in Jahra, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education.

